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Subject Indecent Literature - Letter from Kelly & Walls

Made by D.S.I. Golder Forwarded by Supt. Mason

In persuance of instructions by D.C. (Special Branch), relating to the attached letter from Mr. S.O. Gregory, manager of Kelly and Walsh Limited, a visit was paid to that company at 9 a.m. August 15, 1940.

Mr. Gregory, when asked for details of the claim made in his letter of August 12, stated that the books in question, a series, published by the Obelisk Press, Paris, included "The Honey-Moon Night", "A Night in a Harem" etc. and were on sale at the Williams Book Store, F.B.226 Avenue Haig. was paid to the bookstore at 2.20 p.m. with the motive of obtaining one of the offending copies for examination. A careful scrutiny of the books set out for sale was made, but none of the books mentioned were found.

However, one copy "Ideal Marriage", a book on the subject of sex, published by the International Book Company, Room 713, House 113, Kiukiang Road, was found. This firm was successfully prosecuted by Central Station under Crime Register No. 3210/39, the proprietor Tsang Chi-tang (The being fined \$150 and 9 copies of the book being confiscated.

The proprietor of the Williams Bool Store voluntarily handed over the copy for which a receipt was issued and the owner warned that such books were undesirables.) REGISTRY

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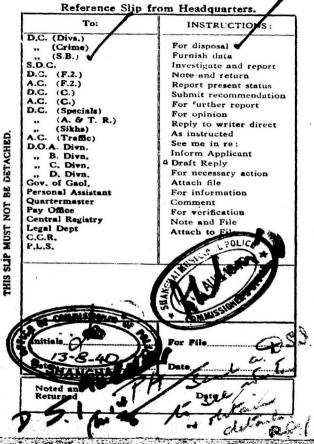
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August 12, 1940

The Commissioner of Police. Central Police Station, Shan chai.

Bear Sir.

From time to time, we have seen reports in the local Fress that your office has been instrumental in seising and preventing distribution of indecest literature in the International Settlement. This has been we imagine sainly Chirace publications, and we are not certain whether the Chinese laws under which you would not a ply to publications in the English language. We feel however we should report to you the vide-spread appearance of a number of broke in the English language, which are banned in England and in America, and which have hiterto been seld in Shanghai only in the French Beekshep. They have been gristed in Baris and their sale in a French-sweet concern would be legal. These new clitices are however pirated copies, printed in Shanghai, and seld at the many shops that sell pirated beeks. We should be interested to know whether you feel any action could be taken to seize these under the same laws that apply to indecent publications in the Chinese labspage.

Yours faithfully,

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